

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2006, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the following remarks. Claims 9, 10, 12, 13, 22, 23, 25, and 26 have been amended. As a result, claims 1, 3, 4, 8-14, 16, 17, 21-26, and 29-36 are still pending in the application. The Applicant respectfully requests further examination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks.

Rejection of Claims 8-13 and 21-26 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 8-13 and 21-26 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite.

Regarding the structure and terminology of claims 8, 11, 21, and 24, the reinforcement panel refers to the same reinforcement panel as in claims 1 and 2. Nevertheless, it should still be understood that such claims are intended to cover equivalent variations. The reinforcement panel may have any sufficient length to enable the panel unit to simulate the appearance of straight face siding.

Regarding claims 10, 13, 23, and 26, the Applicant has amended the claims to more clearly describe that similarity refers to curvature.

Regarding claims 9, 12, 22, and 25, the Applicant has amended the claims to correct the informalities such that each of the claims recites "a height."

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection may be properly withdrawn.

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Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1, 3, 4, 8-14, 16, 17, 21-26, and 29-36 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 9-12, 18-25, 28, 29, 31-33, 37-45, 47, 48, and 50 of co-pending Application No. 10/282,757. Accordingly, the Applicant has submitted a terminal disclaimer and the requisite fee to obviate the double patenting rejection.

Conclusion

The Applicant has addressed the § 112 rejection and filed a terminal disclaimer. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and such action is earnestly requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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